



June 5, 2022

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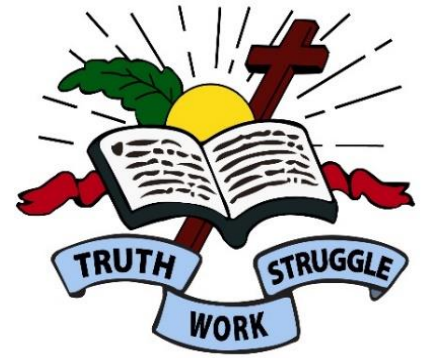
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Solemnity – Pentecost Sunday

A Festival Thought

God finds us, not just by tearing down walls but by coming through them.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 2:1-11

Fear and confusion become manageable where there is faith in God's bold Spirit. Peoples of all ages from all areas of the world and from every walk of life have been gathered together in a prayerful and powerful assembly by the Spirit of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-7, 12-13

Where once there was an overwhelming and staggering variety of unanswered needs, now those needs can be met by the multiple gifts of the Spirit working through the unique talents of each member of the congregation. Different gifts and unusual talents are a cause for wonder and thanksgiving, not resentment and distrust.

JOHN 20:19-23

Where once there was alienation and resentment, now there was the possibility of forgiveness and peace because of the ever-present and ever compelling Spirit of Jesus Christ. Mutual forgiveness, freely given, bestows the gift of peace on the forgiven and the forgiver.

ENTRANCE RITE: Wisdom 1:7-8

V. For the Spirit of the Lord fills the world, is all-embracing, and knows what man says. Alleluia.

R. Therefore no one who utters wicked things can go unnoticed, nor will chastising condemnation pass him by. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Joel 3:1

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I will pour out my Spirit upon all humankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE SEQUENCE — Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

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Worship Services

TODAY – June 5th

Solemnity - Pentecost

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – June 12th

Solemnity – Holy Trinity

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – June 19th

Solemnity – Corpus Christi

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

With procession to the four altars.

SIGN UP SHEETS

I want to thank all of those who helped make pierogi the last time. Much more work is needed. Sign Up Sheets for Pierogi making are on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. The pierogi sheets are for multiple days and there are three of them, one under the other so please sign up for as many days as you can. These are for the picnic so please help. Thank you and God bless.

INVITE A FRIEND

Many people say that they would attend church if invited by a close friend. Please reach out to your friends, especially those that do not regularly attend church services. Tell them about how wonderful our Parish is. Tell them about how welcoming and inclusive we can be. Always speak highly of our Parish when talking to outsiders and try to get them to be insiders.

PICNIC FLYERS

Flyers are available on the table in the Library for the Picnic in August. Please take a couple and post them where you can, your super market, hairdressers, barber, where ever there is a bulletin board. And talk about it, tell your friends. Thank you.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jerry Butto, Terry Leatherman, Christine Mulutzie, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak and Riley Rejniak.

Our Father....

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them or remove them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, June 5th; The regular monthly meeting of the ANS will be held at 11:00 AM in the Library

Monday, June 6th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

Thursday, June 9th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library.

Sunday, June 19th; Solemnity of Corpus Christi – One Mass Only at 9:00 AM. Also - Father's Day.

Monday, June 20th; The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Sunday, June 26th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior